

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(\$102,207)	(\$125,780)	(\$128,990)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$102,207)</b>	<b>(\$125,780)</b>	<b>(\$128,990)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Department of Health (DOH) officials state the proposal would require the following information on child care records to be made available on the DOH Internet web site:

#### **Verification of Licensure**

DOH state that information regarding verification of licensure is currently available in the Bureau of Child Care (BCC) database. This information could be made available on the DOH Internet web site utilizing existing staff; therefore, there would be no additional staff costs to the DOH for this purpose.

#### **Deficiencies Cited**

DOH states that currently, there are 1,591 licensed child day care centers, 2,253 licensed family day care homes, and 189 licensed group day care homes for a total of 4,033 licensed child care facilities. These facilities require two inspections annually for a total of 8066 annual inspections (4,033 X 2). At each inspection, an average of four deficiencies are documented. Therefore, there would be approximately 32,264 (8,066 X 4) deficiencies documented annually by BCC child care licensing staff.

The Department of Public Safety - State Fire Marshal conducts an annual fire safety inspection for 4,033 licensed child care facilities. That office has estimated that an average of two deficiencies are cited at each inspection for a total of 8,066 cited deficiencies annually. The BCC contracts with local health departments to conduct annual sanitation inspections for 4,003 licensed child care facilities. The BCC estimates that an average of 2.8 deficiencies are documented per inspection for a total of 11,208 deficiencies (2.8 X 4,003=11,208).

The total number of deficiencies cited annually in licensed child care facilities is 51,538 (32,264 + 8,066 + 11,208=51,538).

At this time, there is no automated system for child care staff to record deficiencies when they inspect child care facilities. The deficiencies are recorded on a hand-written compliance report form. It would be necessary for child care staff, the State Fire Marshal, and local sanitarians to forward copies of the forms to the BCC office at Jefferson City for review and recording of the deficiencies, and to continually update the record of deficiencies. As a thorough review of each form would be required to determine deficiencies, and to determine which rule has been violated,  
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one Health Program Representative II would be required. After review of the forms, it would be necessary to enter the information into a database; therefore, a Data Entry II position would be required. After entry of the information, it could then be made available on the DOH Internet web site. In fiscal year 1999, 2,099 complaints against child care providers were recorded. Of the 2,099 complaints, the BCC estimates that 60% or 1,259 of the complaints were substantiated. Only the substantiated complaints can be made available as part of the public record. When a complaint is investigated, BCC staff completes a hand-written form that records the results of the investigation. It would be necessary for the Health Program Representative II indicated above to review each form to determine the type of complaint and if the complaint is substantiated. It would then be necessary for the Data Entry II staff person to enter the information into the database. Therefore, no additional staff would be necessary for this function.

The proposal would require that the DOH provide public access to child care provider information, including licensure information, deficiencies cited and complaints made. Because DOH is beginning the process of developing a new child care licensure system as part of the MOHSAIC system, a great deal of the work required for this proposal will be done. However, the current design does not include entering details of the deficiencies and complaints. To add these would require additional analysis and programming. A full-time Computer Information Technologist would be needed to modify MOHSAIC to include the detail deficiencies and complaint information and to design, implement and maintain the Internet web page. DOH assumes that one Computer Information Technologist would make an analysis of the requirements for the MOHSAIC enhancement and web page and programming to collect and make available the data to the public.

**Oversight** has reduced the personal services costs to reflect current beginning expenditures for new positions.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

Costs - Department of Health

Personal services (3 FTE)	(\$69,820)	(\$85,879)	(\$88,025)
Fringe benefits	(\$21,470)	(\$26,408)	(\$27,068)
Expense and equipment	(\$10,917)	(\$13,493)	(\$13,897)
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health	<u>(\$102,207)</u>	<u>(\$125,780)</u>	<u>(\$128,990)</u>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON  
 GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>(\$102,207)</u>	<u>(\$125,780)</u>	<u>(\$128,990)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2001  
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FY 2002

FY 2003

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the Department of Health to provide public access to child care provider licensure information via its Internet web site.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Mental Health  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Health



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